VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE August 11, 2008

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was

convened at 9:15 A.M., in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions,

9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P., Ph.D., Chairperson

John M. Horn, L.P.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., Discipline Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Mitchell, Adjudication Specialist

Carolyn McKann, Adjudication Specialist

Ann Tiller, Compliance Manager

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: Cynthia Hinkle, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-106932

Ms. Hinkle appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of

Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hinkle. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid

the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:37 A.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the

motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Cynthia

Hinkle to practice as a professional nurse and issue an unrestricted license.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hinkle unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hinkle within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Myisha Richardson, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Richardson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:20 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Richardson. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:30 A.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to approve Myisha Richardson's application to take the NCLEX-PN examination and issue an unrestricted license upon successful completion of the exam.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Richardson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Richardson within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Cynthia Howerton, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-051924

Ms. Howerton appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Howerton. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:50 A.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Cynthia Howerton to practice as a practical nurse and issue her a valid in Virginia only license and to issue an order of reprimand to Ms. Howerton.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Howerton unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Howerton within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Pamela Cook, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Cook appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:07 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cook. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:20 A.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to deny Pamela Cook's application for licensure as a practical nurse in Virginia.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Cook unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cook within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Tammy Giza, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-161689

Ms. Giza did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Giza. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:10 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to deny Tammy Giza's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Giza unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Giza within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Amanda Brown, C.N.A. Applicant

Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:13 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:22 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to approve Amanda Brown's application to take the NNAAP examination for certification as a nurse aide in Virginia and issue an unrestricted certificate upon successful completion of the exam.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Brown unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brown within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Sherelle Parson, C.N.A. Applicant

Ms. Parson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Parson. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:38 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to approve Sherelle Parson's application to take the NNAAP examination for certification as a nurse aide in Virginia and issue an unrestricted certificate upon successful completion of the exam.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Parson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Parson within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Eve Stenbar, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Stenbar appeared, accompanied by her husband, Mr. Pritchett.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:57 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Stenbar. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:09 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order approve Eve Stenbar's application to take the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure as practical nurse in Virginia and issue an unrestricted license upon successful completion of the exam.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Stenbar unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Stenbar within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Veronica McGeorge, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. McGeorge appeared, accompanied by family members and Ms. Walters, faculty member from ECPI Roanoke Campus.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. McGeorge. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:50 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

<u>ACTION</u>: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order approve Veronica McGeorge's application to take the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure as a practical nurse in Virginia and issue an unrestricted license upon successful completion of the exam.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. McGeorge unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. McGeorge within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Olayide Kuteyi

Ms. Kuteyi appeared, accompanied by her mother, Ms. Kuteyi.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Kuteyi. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Tiller, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McKann attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:50 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to refer the matter of Olayide Kuteyi to the Board of

Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.

Discipline Staff